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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM MOYNIHAN

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SENATOR CRANSTON

1. AS YOU KNOW, I SPOKE YESTERDAY WITH SENATOR MORGAN OF NORTH CAROLINA (WHO IS IN WASHINGTON WITH THE CIA HEARINGS), POINTING OUT THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS CERTAINLY NOT FOR PREVENTING THE DEPARTMENT FROM GOING FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS, AS THE HOUSE RESOLUTION PROVIDES, BUT ONLY FOR A SENSE OF THE SENATE MEASURE. HE WONDERED IF HE, SENATOR BUMPERS, AND PERHAPS SOME OTHERS MIGHT NOT JUST GO FLY THERE FOR A LOOK AT THE PLACE. HE SEEMED MOST FLEXIBLE. HE APPROVED MY ARTICLE IN READERS DIGEST.

2. I ALSO REACHED SENATOR STONE WHO IS IN FLORIDA. WITH HIM I WAS MUCH MORE EXPLICIT ABOUT THE ISRAEL CONNECTION. HE SAID HE WOULD "MAKE MY DAY" BY ASSURING ME THAT HE AND OTHERS LIKE HIM HAD DECIDED THAT THE SENATE SHOULD NOT BLOCK FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ONLY EXPRESS ITS GENERAL VIEW. HE SAID HE AND HIS FRIENDS WERE TRYING TO PERSUADE SENATOR BYRD. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THOSE LIKE HIM WHO WERE INSISTING ON THE RETENTION OF SOVEREIGNTY WERE INCREASINGLY OF THE VIEW THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO ANNOUNCE THAT IN THAT CIRCUMSTANCE THE UNITED STATES MUST TAKE MORE EXPLICIT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE REGION. HE REPEATED THIS SEVERAL TIMES, AND WITH CONSIDERABLE CONVICTION.

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3. TO MY WAY OF THINKING, THIS IS A PROPOSAL THAT INSTEAD OF GIVING THEM THEIR LAND WE GIVE THEM OUR MONEY. BUT LET IT PASS. THE SENATOR WAS MOST CORDIAL, AND ACCEPTED THE SUGGESTION THAT I COME DOWN TO HAVE LUNCH WITH A FEW OF HIS LIKE MINDED COLLEAGUES.

4. BOTH SENATORS ARE FRESHMEN, OF COURSE. BOTH WERE EVIDENTLY MUCH PLEASE THAT SOMEONE TOOK THE TROUBLE TO CALL THEM PERSONALLY, EACH MENTIONING THIS SEVERAL TIMES. BOTH ASKED IT I DIDN'T THINK THE SOONER WE WERE OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS THE BETTER.

5. MAY I NOTE THIS LAST SENTIMENT. THERE IS A THEORY THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CAN'T WORK WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES. IF I WERE THE CHINESE, HOWEVER, I MIGHT THINK IT INTERESTING TO FIND OUT WHETHER THIS IS SO. I HOPE OUR ADVERSARIES ARE NOT BEGINNING TO CALCULATE THEIR OWN MOVES IN TERMS OF AROUSING DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT POLICY. THIS, I ASSUME, WAS THE BASIC STRATEGY OF NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE WAR, AND OF COURSE IT WORKED. I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE US DRIVEN FROM THE UN BY THE TECHNIQUE OF PROVOKING A FURIOUS INTERNAL DEMAND THAT WE LEAVE.
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